



THE ST MARY'S MESSENGER

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

THIS WEEK

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our school family has been reflecting on the story of Zacchaeus and the powerful changes that can happen when we are shown forgiveness and given the opportunity to make better choices. His story reminds us that everyone can make a positive difference, and this theme has been beautifully reflected in the many ways our children have supported others throughout the week.

We have been incredibly blessed by the generosity of The Rotary Club, who have donated a wonderful collection of books to our school. Thanks to their kindness, every child will be able to take home a book to enjoy and treasure. These will be distributed on Monday, and we are so grateful for this gift that will help foster a love of reading across our school community.

Our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated outstanding courageous advocacy, encouraging others to donate unwanted toys for a tombola which they will be running next week. Their enthusiasm and commitment to helping raise funds for the school has been inspiring, and we are very proud of the leadership they have shown. Please keep bringing the items into school.

Monday was also our Transition Day, with Year 6 pupils spending the day at their new secondary schools and all other children moving up to meet their new teachers and classmates. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they explored their new classrooms, and it was equally lovely to welcome so many parents who came to meet the staff who will be teaching their children next year.

Meanwhile, our Lower Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to Stanwick Lakes. The children returned full of excitement, sharing stories of pond dipping and the fascinating creatures they discovered. They spoke so enthusiastically about the knowledgeable and engaging rangers, whose passion for nature helped make the day both educational and memorable.

As we reflect on another busy and successful week, we are reminded of the importance of kindness, generosity and supporting one another—values that our children continue to demonstrate so wonderfully every day.

With blessing,
Diane Wright

STARS OF THE WEEK

Butterfly Class – Christian

Dolphin Class – Benny

Bee Class – Amy

Deer Class – Freddie & Thabo

Lamb Class – AJ

**Eagle Class – Oscar & Lily-
June**

Leopard Class – Narcis

Lions Class – Rohelia

Dove Class – Adnan



UPCOMING EVENTS

14th & 16th JULY – Arbor parent tutorial 9 – 9.15

15th JULY – Yr 6 Wickstead Trip

15th JULY – School Disco 4.45 – 5.45 (EYFS & KS1), 6 – 7 (KS2), 6 – 7.45 (Year 6)

17th JULY – Year 6 Leavers Worship

17th JULY – End of year service at 2pm

17th JULY – Close for Summer

3rd SEPT – Return to School



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SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our School Football Team, who have represented the school amazingly in the Inter School Football League, finishing in second place over all!. The team have played most Thursday's after school, showing superb teamwork, togetherness and resilience over the last few months. A thank you must go out to all of the parents, who week after week, have turned up to cheer on the team. Well done Lenny, Leon, David, Isaac, Nathan, Jai-Luke, Maks and a special shout out to Lola, who has been one of only three girls represented in the league.

We plan to play in the league again next year, so any footballers moving to year 5, make sure you look out for when the trials are, to get into the team.



ARBOR PARENT TUTORIAL

Not sure how to consent for trips...

Finding it tricky to book into clubs...

If you are struggling to navigate your way around the arbor app, please come to one of our Arbor Parent Tutorials on **Tuesday 14th or Thursday 16th July - 9am - 9.15am.**



END OF YEAR SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 15th July

£2 entry

Children can bring up to **£2** to spend on snacks.

4.45pm - 5.45pm - EYFS & KS1

6.00pm - 7.00pm - KS2

Year 6 will have a special Pizza Party and school disco starting at **6.00pm** and finishing at **7.45pm**

End of Year Service



You are warmly invited to join us in celebration at our
End of Year Church Service.

Friday 17th July

2:00pm

at St. Mary the Virgin Church
Fuller Street

THE ARK

ST MARY'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A SAFE PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN, CREATE AND GROW TOGETHER



WE'RE ALL ABOUT...

The Ark is a welcoming, fun and inclusive space where children can unwind after school, make friends, try new things and be themselves.

We offer a mix of creative activities, active play, homework time, healthy snacks and lots of laughter every day!



LOOKING AHEAD...

We are already making plans for lots of exciting things for the future!

- ✔ More creative projects and challenges
- ✔ Seasonal activities and special events
- ✔ Children's ideas and suggestions
- ✔ Continued focus on wellbeing, kindness and fun!

We can't wait to see what the future holds for The Ark!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK!



CHILDREN'S CHOICE OF TASKS

Our children have been in charge – choosing and enjoying the activities they love!



DRAW YOUR OWN PORTFOLIO AND TELL NEW STARTERS ABOUT YOURSELF

Getting to know each other and building confidence!



BIKES AND OUTDOOR FUN

Making the most of the outdoors with bikes, games and plenty of fresh air!



DESIGNING POSTERS

Lots of creative ideas and amazing designs!



SUPPORTING THE WORLD CUP

Showing our team spirit and cheering on our favourites!



MAKING GIANT ITEMS

Big ideas, big creativity and even bigger fun!



SAVE THE DATE!
THE ARK'S
1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!



Please see separate poster for more information

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our wonderful children, families and staff for your continued support over the past year.

Normal charges apply



READ to the BEAT

SUPER
SIGN-UP
SATURDAY

AT
KETTERING
LIBRARY

Start your
summer
reading
adventure
Saturday 11
July 2026



KETTERING CARNIVAL

THE PARADE

DEPARTS FROM: THE GRANGE
AT 12 NOON

FINISHES: ROCKINGHAM
PLEASURE PARK AT 1:30 PM
(FETE STARTS AT 10AM)

Proudly supporting: Kettering Street Pastors - Charity No. 1127019



SCAN FOR
MORE INFO

DISCO NIGHT RAFFLE & BBQ

£2.50 ENTRY / 7.30PM - LATE
AT THE ATHLETIC CLUB 104 ROCKINGHAM RD, KETTERING NN16 9AE



SAT 11TH JULY 2026

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